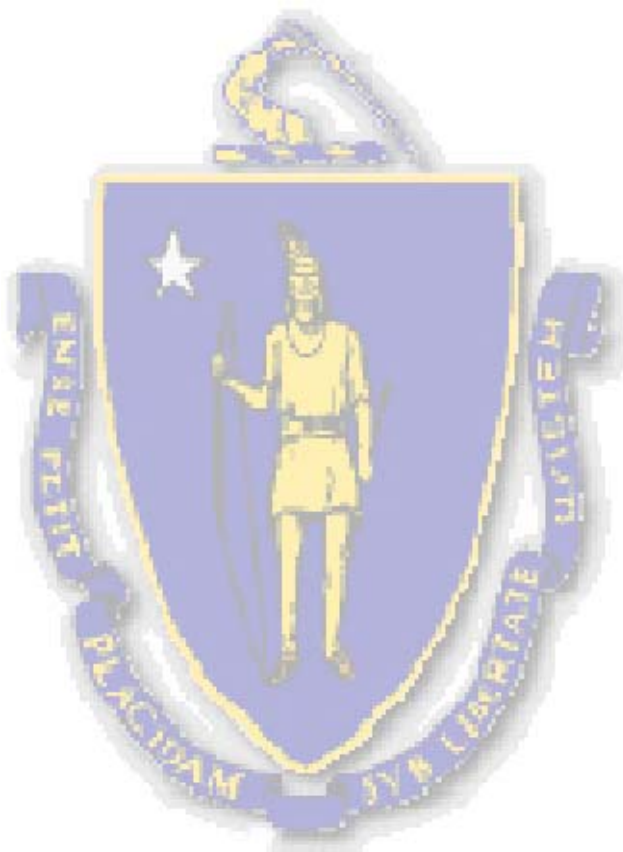


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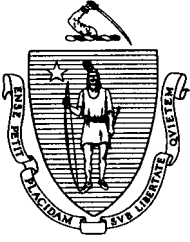
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Executive Summary

2004 County Commitments

- There were 16,533* commitments by court to a Massachusetts county facility (house of correction) during the calendar year 2004, representing an increase of 2% from the 16,194 commitments in 2003.
- The breakdown by gender was 15,559 males (94% of total population) and 974 females (6% of total population).
- For 2004, the female new court commitments in County facilities increased by 7% from 2003. There was a 2% increase in male commitments from 2003 to 2004.
- The largest racial/ethnic group represented was Caucasian (56%), followed by African American (22%) and Hispanic (20%).
- The average (mean) age of inmates with new court commitments during 2004 was 32 years for males and 33 years for females, ranging from 16 to 83 years of age.
- The average (median) self-reported educational level completed was 12th grade/GED.
- The majority (52%) of prisoners, both male and female, reported their marital status as single.
- Data reported by inmates about their last residence prior to commitment showed that males were most likely to come from Suffolk (17%), Worcester (15%), and Hampden (12%) counties. The majority of females reported a last address in Hampden (24%), Suffolk (18%), Bristol (17%), and Berkshire (13%) counties, although it is important to note that not all county facilities house women.
- Offense category differed by gender. Males were committed for offenses in the Other (34%), Property (23%), Person (22%), Drug (19%), and Sex (2%) categories. In comparison, female commitments were for Other (30%), Property (30%), Drug (24%), Person (16%), and Sex (n=2) offenses.
- The most common offenses in the "Other" category for males were: Motor Vehicle Offenses (11%) and Operating under the Influence (OUI) (9%), while for females they were: OUI (7%), Prostitution (7%), Motor Vehicle Offenses (6%), and Decency/Public Peace Crimes (5%).
- For males, the most common offenses in the Property category were: Burglary (6%), Larceny (6%), and Possession of Stolen Goods (3%). For females: Larceny (12%), Stealing (4%), Forgery and Uttering (3%), and Burglary (3%).
- For offenses in the Person category, males were most likely to be committed for: Unarmed Assault (14%), and Armed Assault (7%). For females, the proportions were Unarmed Assault (8%), and Armed Assault (6%).
- In the Drug offense category, the most common offenses for males were: Controlled Substance Class B (7%), Class A (5%), and Class D (4%). For females, the most common drug offenses were: Controlled Substance Class B (11%), Class A (8%), and Possession of a Syringe (2%).
- For Sex offenses, one percent of the male commitments were for Assault with Intent to Rape (n=102)). There were only two commitments of females for a Sex Offense.

* This number would be 16,587 commitments, but 54 inmates from Essex county are excluded from this number because demographic and other detailed data are unavailable.

- The majority (58%) of male commitments had a sentence length of 6 months or less, 23% had sentences of 7 to 12 months, and 17% had sentences of more than one year. For female commitments, the breakdown was 71% with sentences of 6 months or less, 18% with sentences of 7 to 12 months, and 9% with sentences greater than one year.
- The average (mean) sentence length for males was 8.5 months, and for females, 6.5 months. The median sentence length for both males and females was six months.
- Three percent of male and two percent of female commitments were issued fines.
- For both males and females, the largest proportion of county commitments was from Suffolk District Court, 23% for females and 16% for males. For males, the next highest proportion of commitments was from Worcester (15%), Middlesex (10%), Bristol (10%), and Hampden District Courts (10%). For females, the greatest proportions were from Hampden (22%), Bristol (19%), and Berkshire (13%) District Courts.

County Commitment Trends

- During the past ten years, the number of county commitments decreased 13% from 19,033 in 1995 to 16,533 in 2004. County commitments increased from 1995 to 1997, followed by a decline for 3 years to a ten-year low of 15,334 commitments in 2000. The number of county commitments has increased since 2000 from 15,334 to 16,533 in 2004, representing an increase of 8%.
- County commitments broken out by gender show a similar ten-year trend; however the increase for females since 2000 was more dramatic at 76%, increasing from 554 commitments in 2000 to 974 commitments in 2004. In comparison, county commitments for males during the same period increased 5%, from 14,780 in 2000 to 15,559 in 2004.
- Over the five-year period, 2000 to 2004, the proportion of county commitments by race/ethnicity have remained fairly stable, with a slight decrease reported in the proportion of Caucasian inmates committed from 59% in 2000 to 56% in 2004.
- The age distribution of inmates committed to county facilities has not changed drastically over the last five years. The largest increase was for commitments in the 40-64 year age range. The number of commitments in this category increased 26% from 3,271 in 2000 to 4,129 in 2004. The relative proportion also increased each year from 21% to 25% of the total.
- There has been a slight increase over the past five years for commitments in the Property and Other offense categories. Commitments for Drug and Sex offenses fluctuated, while the number of commitments for Person offenses has decreased steadily since 2001.
- There was an increase of 10% in fines issued in 2004, compared to the previous year (2003). Over the past five years the number of fines has increased by 29%.
- Sentence lengths have shifted upward over the past five years, with more inmates given longer sentences. In 2000, 55% of commitments were for sentences of 6 months or more, and 42% for sentences of less than 6 months. In comparison, 59% of the 2004 commitments were for sentences of 6 months or more and 39% for sentences of less than 6 months.
- There are major differences in commitments by county facility from 2000 to 2004. The following facilities exhibited increases in commitments: Suffolk (44%), Hampshire (30%), Berkshire (28%), Plymouth (19%), Barnstable (12%), Hampden (10%), Worcester (7%), and Franklin (4%) counties. In contrast, decreases were observed in commitments to Bristol (11%), Middlesex (9%), Essex, and Norfolk (4% each), and Dukes by 4 commitments.

Introduction

This report provides a statistical description of offenders committed to Massachusetts county facilities (houses of correction) during 2004. Offenders are described in terms of commitment institution, committing court, offense, sentence length, sentence type (weekend and jail sentences), gender, age, race, marital status, education, place of birth, and residence. Trends in court commitments to the county correctional system over the past 5 years are also presented.

All new court commitments and those individuals who began serving a new criminal sentence during the year are included in this report. If an individual was committed more than once during 2004, each court commitment for that individual is counted separately. Information for offenders committed to the Massachusetts Department of Correction (state facilities) is not included in this report. Females serving a county sentence, but sentenced to a state facility are not included in this report.

The statistical tables were derived from information submitted by each county facility to the Research and Planning Division of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC). A glossary of terms is provided at the back of this report to reference definitions of some terms used.

Specific information about 54 inmates committed to Essex County was unavailable due to their database conversion in December 2004. Consequently, all the tables in this report exclude 54 inmates committed to Essex County where no descriptive information was available, except for Table 21, "Committing Institution 2000 to 2004" (p. 22).

Due to computer conversions, the commitment records for Suffolk County were limited for the period January through April 2000. In an effort to maintain data constancy, the Suffolk County commitments from May to December 2000 were pro rated to the entire 12-month calendar year. In addition to total number of commitments, the characteristics of the committed inmates were also pro rated for the same period.

There are fourteen counties in Massachusetts. All counties, except for Nantucket County, have at least one county correctional facility administered by the county Sheriff. These facilities usually contain a jail for pre-trial detainees and a house of correction for sentenced inmates. Suffolk County has a separate facility for its jail (Nashua Street) and its house of correction (South Bay). Middlesex County has two facilities, a combined jail and house of correction in Billerica and a jail in Cambridge.

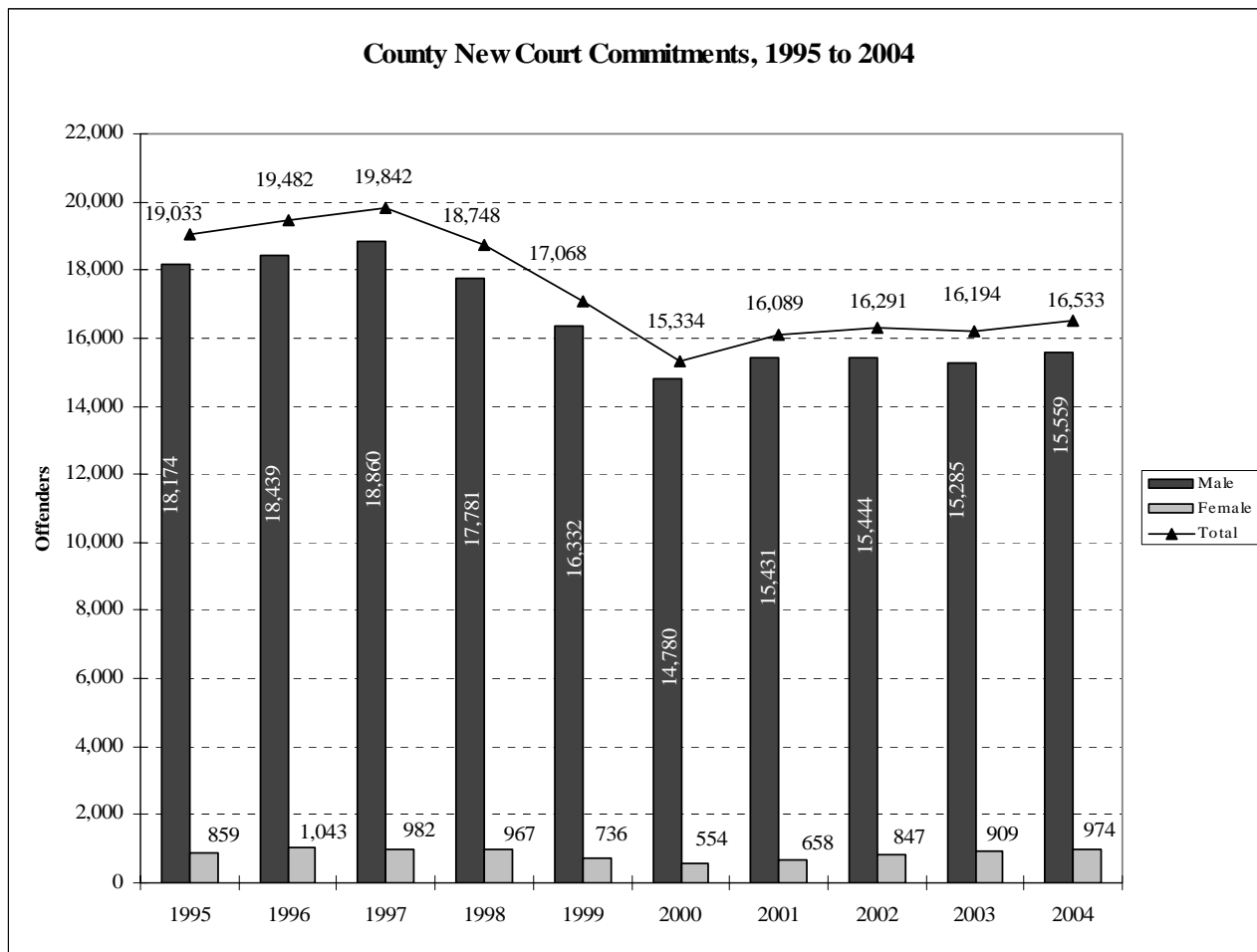
Four counties have specialized facilities for sentenced offenders: Essex County has the Correctional Alternative Center (CAC) in Lawrence; Hampden County has the Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center (WMCAC) facility in Springfield; Bristol County has the David R. Nelson Correctional Addiction Center (DRNCAC) in New Bedford; and Norfolk County has the Braintree Alternative Center (BAC) in Braintree. Individuals are not committed directly to these four facilities, but can be transferred to them from a house of correction or state correctional facility.

This report has been organized into three sections. The first section describes the demographic characteristics of 2004 new court commitments. The second section depicts information about criminal offenses for the inmate population. The third section addresses data regarding sentencing, such as court from which committed type of sentence, and sentence length.

Please note that due to rounding, percentages in the tables may not add to 100%. In the tables, "Last Grade Completed" (p.8), "Citizenship" (p.8), and "Marital Status" (p.9) there are a high number of missing cases (noted as "Not Reported"); consequently these results should be interpreted with caution.

Demographic Characteristics of County
New Court Commitments in 2004

Figure 1



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Table 1
New Commitments: By Gender 2000 to 2004

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		% Chng 03 vs 04
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Male	14,780	97	15,431	96	15,444	95	15,285	94	15,559	94	2
Female	554	3	658	4	847	5	909	6	974	6	7
Total	15,334	100	16,089	100	16,291	100	16,194	100	16,533	100	2

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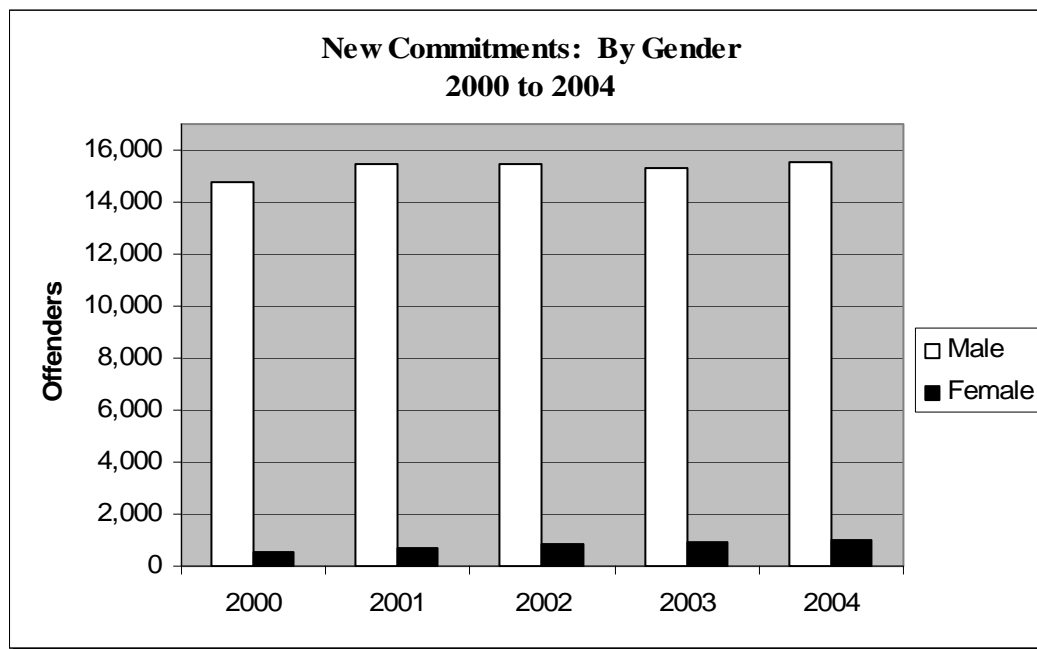
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Table 2
New Commitments: Race/Ethnicity: 2000 to 2004

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		% Chng 03vs04
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Caucasian	8,972	59	8,875	55	9,015	55	9,104	56	9,224	56	1
African American	3,147	21	3,391	21	3,500	22	3,534	22	3,660	22	4
Hispanic	3,000	20	3,467	22	3,377	21	3,134	19	3,240	20	3
Other	215	1	356	2	399	2	422	3	409	2	-3
Total	15,334	101	16,089	100	16,291	100	16,194	100	16,533	100	2

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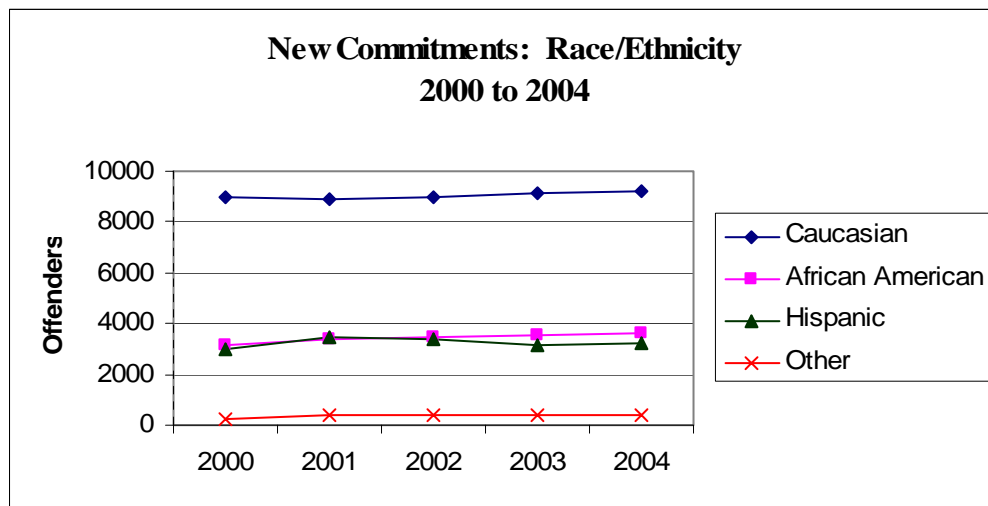
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Table 3

New Commitments: Race/Ethnicity by Gender

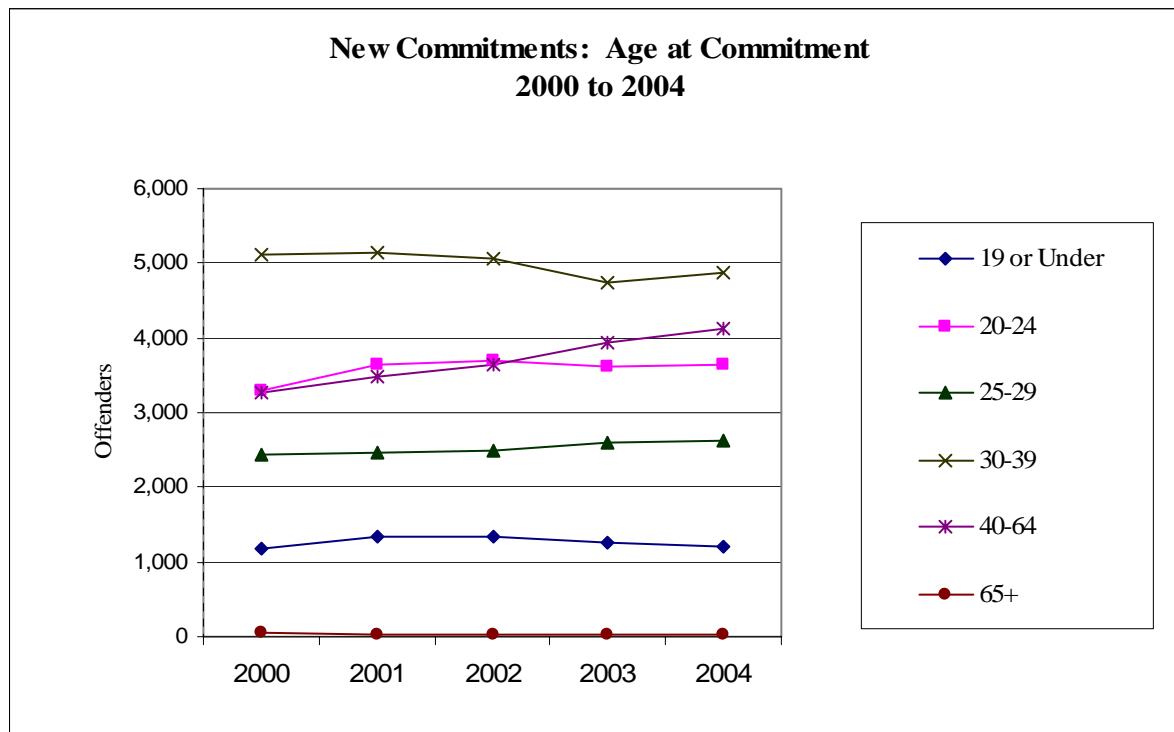
	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Caucasian	628	64	8,596	55	9,224	56
African American	207	21	3,453	22	3,660	22
Hispanic	118	12	3,122	20	3,240	20
Native American	2	0	31	0	33	0
Asian	2	0	80	1	82	0
Other	17	2	277	2	294	2
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	100

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Table 4**New Commitments: Age at Commitment: 2000 to 2004**

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		% Chng 03 vs 04
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
19 Yrs or Younger	1,182	8	1,342	8	1,342	8	1,264	8	1,216	7	-4
20 to 24 Yrs	3,288	21	3,638	23	3,703	23	3,622	22	3,655	22	1
25 to 29 Yrs	2,425	16	2,453	15	2,495	15	2,603	16	2,632	16	1
30 to 39 Yrs	5,126	33	5,133	32	5,071	31	4,732	29	4,865	29	3
40 to 64 Yrs	3,271	21	3,493	22	3,642	22	3,940	24	4,129	25	5
65 Yrs and Older	42	0	30	0	38	0	33	0	36	0	9
Total	15,334	100	16,089	100	16,291	100	16,194	100	16,533	100	2

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Figure 4**Table 5**

New Commitments: Age at Commitment by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
16 yrs	0	0	1	0	1	0
17 yrs	1	0	95	1	96	1
18 yrs	20	2	440	3	460	3
19 yrs	12	1	647	4	659	4
20 yrs	20	2	731	5	751	5
21 yrs	44	5	708	5	752	5
22 yrs	32	3	741	5	773	5
23 yrs	32	3	682	4	714	4
24 yrs	46	5	619	4	665	4
25-29 yrs	165	17	2,467	16	2,632	16
30-34 yrs	172	18	2,132	14	2,304	14
35-39 yrs	189	19	2,372	15	2,561	15
40-44 yrs	136	14	1,934	12	2,070	13
45-49 yrs	75	8	1,170	8	1,245	8
50-54 yrs	22	2	504	3	526	3
55-59 yrs	5	1	199	1	204	1
60-64 yrs	2	0	82	1	84	1
65-69 yrs	0	0	23	0	23	0
70 yrs or Older	1	0	12	0	13	0
Total	974	100	15,559	99	16,533	100

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Age at commitment:

The average (mean) age was 32 years (for both females and males).

The average (mean) age was 32 years for males.

The average (mean) age was 33 years for females.

Age at commitment - Ranges:

Females - 17 years to 76 years.

Males – 16 years to 83 years.

Table 6**New Commitments: Last Grade Completed (Self Reported) by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
3rd or Less	3	0	58	0	61	0
4th	0	0	31	0	31	0
5th	0	0	46	0	46	0
6th	5	1	119	1	124	1
7th	9	1	163	1	172	1
8th	27	3	499	3	526	3
9th	62	6	1,294	8	1,356	8
10th	76	8	1,847	12	1,923	12
11th	88	9	2,293	15	2,381	14
High School Graduate/GED	295	30	5,516	35	5,811	35
Some College	108	11	1,263	8	1,371	8
College Graduate	13	1	245	2	258	2
Graduate School	5	1	58	0	63	0
Not Reported	283	29	2,127	14	2,410	15
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	100

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Table 7**New Commitments: Citizenship Status (Self Reported) by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
US Citizen - Mass Born	678	70	10,288	66	10,966	66
US Citizen - Other State	210	22	2,670	17	2,880	17
US Citizen - US Territory	53	5	1,422	9	1,475	9
US Citizen - Foreign Born	15	1	702	5	717	4
Not Reported	18	2	477	3	495	3
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	99

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Table 8**New Commitments: Marital Status (Self Reported) by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Married	70	7	1,144	7	1,214	7
Single	523	54	8,015	52	8,538	52
Divorced	59	6	844	5	903	5
Widowed	15	2	28	0	43	0
Common Law	1	0	1	0	2	0
Separated	34	3	331	2	365	2
Not Reported	272	28	5,196	33	5,468	33
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	100

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Table 9**New Commitments: Prior Address: County of Residence (Self Reported) by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Barnstable	86	9	496	3	582	4
Berkshire	80	9	518	3	598	4
Bristol	159	17	1,431	9	1,590	10
Dukes	2	0	26	0	28	0
Essex	15	2	1,259	8	1,274	8
Franklin	29	3	207	1	236	1
Hampden	208	23	1,799	12	2,007	12
Hampshire	26	3	278	2	304	2
Middlesex	23	3	1,743	11	1,766	11
Nantucket	1	0	16	0	17	0
Norfolk	24	3	787	5	811	5
Plymouth	23	3	1,169	8	1,192	7
Suffolk	156	17	2,606	17	2,762	17
Worcester	28	3	2,329	15	2,357	15
MA-County Unknown	22	2	163	1	185	1
Out of State	21	2	411	3	432	3
Foreign Country	0	0	0	0	0	0
U.S. Territory	0	0	1	0	1	0
Not Reported	6	1	46	0	52	0
Total	909	100	15,285	100	16,194	100

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Current Offense

Table 10**New Commitments: Current Offense Categories 2000 to 2004**

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		% Chng 03 vs 04
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Person	3,560	23	3,789	24	3,785	23	3,670	23	3,600	22	-2
Property	3,204	21	3,486	22	3,519	22	3,617	22	3,805	23	5
Drug	2,855	19	3,100	19	3,164	19	3,080	19	3,187	19	3
Sex	310	2	284	2	336	2	279	2	299	2	7
Other	5,405	35	5,430	34	5,487	34	5,548	34	5,642	34	2
Total	15,334	100	16,089	100	16,291	100	16,194	100	16,533	100	2

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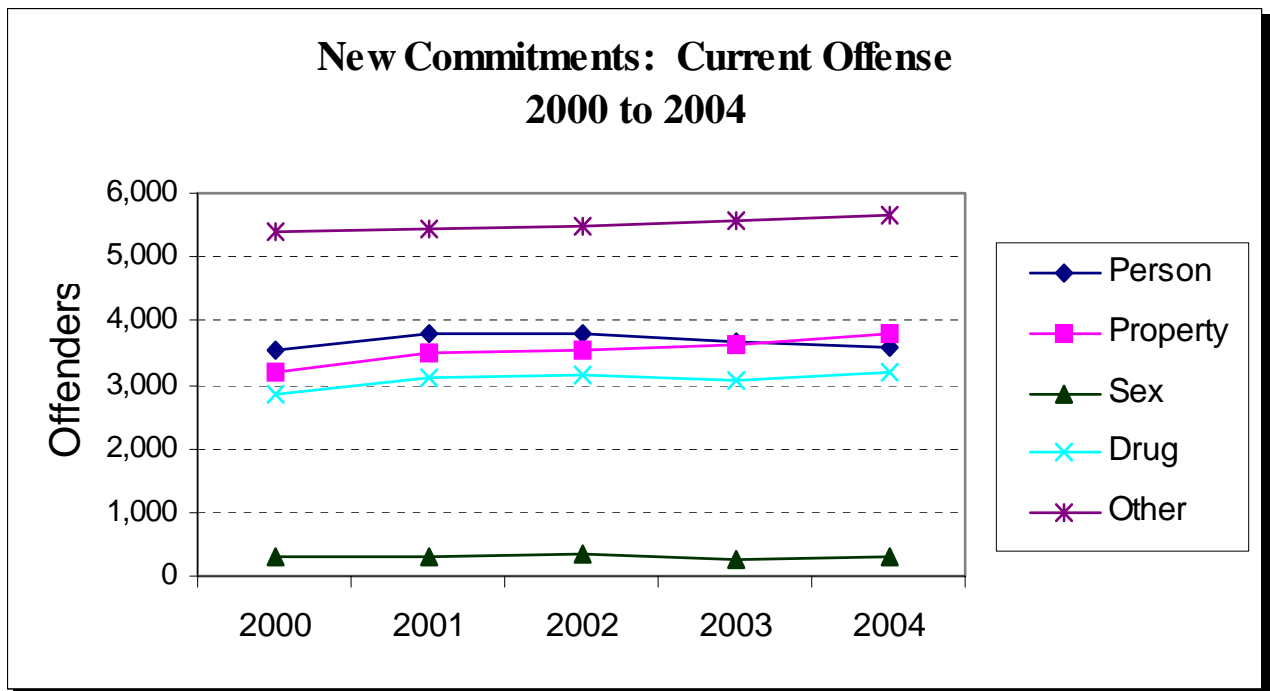
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Table 11

New Commitments: Current Offense Categories by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Person	153	16	3,447	22	3,600	22
Sex	2	0	297	2	299	2
Property	291	30	3,514	23	3,805	23
Drug	233	24	2,954	19	3,187	19
Other	295	30	5,347	34	5,642	34
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	100

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Table 12**New Commitments: Person Offenses by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Not a Person Offense	821	84	12,112	78	12,933	78
Unarmed Assault	78	8	2,236	14	2,314	14
Armed Assault	62	6	1,045	7	1,107	7
Vehicular Homicide	6	1	31	0	37	0
Stalking	1	0	30	0	31	0
Unarmed Robbery	0	0	18	0	18	0
Conspiracy	0	0	17	0	17	0
Armed Robbery	2	0	14	0	16	0
A&B DW on Elderly Person	0	0	14	0	14	0
A&B on a Child	1	0	13	0	14	0
Assault With Intent to Murder	1	0	9	0	10	0
Accessory	1	0	6	0	7	0
A&B on Elderly Person	0	0	4	0	4	0
Kidnapping	0	0	4	0	4	0
Civil Rights Violation	0	0	2	0	2	0
Extortion	0	0	2	0	2	0
Manslaughter	1	0	1	0	2	0
Mayhem	0	0	1	0	1	0
Home Invasion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Putting a Person in Fear	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unarmed Robbery Victim over 65	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	100

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Offenses are arranged in descending order by offense total.

Person Offenses

Crimes Against the Person (primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 offenses).

Table 13**New Commitments: Sex Offenses by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Not a Sex Offense	972	100	15,262	98	16,234	98
Assault W/Int to Rape	0	0	102	1	102	1
Assault W/Int to Rape, Child	0	0	60	0	60	0
Gross Sexual Misconduct	0	0	51	0	51	0
Sex Offender Registry Violation	1	0	29	0	30	0
Rape of Child	1	0	28	0	29	0
Sex Offense Involving a Minor	0	0	16	0	16	0
Rape	0	0	8	0	8	0
Unnatural Act	0	0	2	0	2	0
Indecent Aslt. Mentally Handicapped	0	0	1	0	1	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	100

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Sex Offenses

Sex Offenses Against the Person consist of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 (crimes against the person) and Chapter 272 offenses (crimes against chastity, morality, decency and good order).

Table 14**New Commitments: Property Offenses by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Not a Property Offense	683	70	12,045	77	12,728	77
Larceny	121	12	875	6	996	6
Burglary	25	3	967	6	992	6
Possession of Stolen Goods	21	2	528	3	549	3
Stealing	39	4	319	2	358	2
Destruction of Property	14	1	288	2	302	2
Larceny From Person	20	2	164	1	184	1
Forgery & Uttering	30	3	137	1	167	1
Vehicular Theft	7	1	101	1	108	1
Possession of Burglary Tools	2	0	67	0	69	0
Fraud	11	1	32	0	43	0
Arson	1	0	32	0	33	0
Armed Burglary	0	0	3	0	3	0
Embezzlement	0	0	1	0	1	0
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	100

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Offenses are arranged in descending order by offense total.

Property Offenses

Crimes Against Property (primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 266 offenses).

Table 15

New Commitments: Drug Offenses by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Not a Drug Offense	741	76	12,604	81	13,345	81
Controlled Substance - Class B	103	11	1,088	7	1,191	7
Controlled Substance - Class A	81	8	815	5	896	5
Controlled Substance - Class D	9	1	579	4	588	4
Poss. of a Cont. Sub. In School Zone	12	1	175	1	187	1
Possession of a Syringe	15	2	113	1	128	1
Conspiracy to Violate Controlled Substance Act	3	0	43	0	46	0
Controlled Substance - Class C	1	0	32	0	33	0
Controlled Substance - Class E	0	0	32	0	32	0
Possession of a Controlled Substance	1	0	31	0	32	0
Utter False Prescription	7	1	19	0	26	0
Being Present Where Narcotics are Kept	0	0	14	0	14	0
Manufacture Counterfeit Drugs	0	0	11	0	11	0
Theft of a Controlled Substance	1	0	2	0	3	0
Delivering Articles to Inmates	0	0	1	0	1	0
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	100

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Offenses are arranged in descending order by offense total.

Drug Offenses

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 94C Offenses.

Table 16

New Commitments: Other Offenses by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Not an Other Offense	679	70	10,213	66	10,892	66
Motor Vehicle Offenses	61	6	1,656	11	1,717	10
Operating Under the Influence	70	7	1,361	9	1,431	9
Decency/Public Peace Crimes	51	5	399	3	450	3
Other Weapons Offenses	7	1	406	3	413	2
Contempt of Court	9	1	369	2	378	2
Other Offenses	5	1	323	2	328	2
Violation of Court Order	5	1	228	1	233	1
Nonsupport	0	0	204	1	204	1
Resisting Arrest	4	0	136	1	140	1
Trespassing	4	0	89	1	93	1
Attempts to Commit a Crime	5	1	74	0	79	0
Prostitution	67	7	6	0	73	0
Intimidate Witness	1	0	47	0	48	0
Escape	4	0	24	0	28	0
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	0	0	12	0	12	0
Obstructing Justice	0	0	6	0	6	0
Cruelty to Animals	2	0	1	0	3	0
Impersonating an Officer	0	0	2	0	2	0
Bribery/Corruption	0	0	1	0	1	0
False Alarm	0	0	1	0	1	0
Environmental Offenses	0	0	1	0	1	0
Violation of Labor Laws	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	100

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Offenses are arranged in descending order by offense total.

Other Offenses

Miscellaneous offenses that are not clearly categorized into one of the other offense categories of Person, Property, Sex or Drug.

Sentencing and Court Information

Table 17**New Commitments: Sentence Length at Commitment: 2000 to 2004**

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		% Chng 03 vs 04
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Fine	356	2	337	2	391	2	418	3	461	3	10
Less than 1 Month	1,459	10	1,349	8	1,368	8	1,256	8	1,241	8	-1
1 month	1,504	10	1,545	10	1,620	10	1,605	10	1,495	9	-7
2 to 5 months	3,519	23	3,746	23	3,710	23	3,745	23	3,663	22	-2
6 to 11 months	3,959	26	4,345	27	4,344	27	4,313	27	4,473	27	4
12 to 17 months	2,499	16	2,535	16	2,693	17	2,564	16	2,805	17	9
18 to 23 months	825	5	845	5	840	5	845	5	866	5	2
24 months or more	1,213	8	1,387	9	1,325	8	1,448	9	1,529	9	6
Total	15,334	100	16,089	100	16,291	100	16,194	100	16,533	100	2

For 2004, specific data on 54 Essex County House of Correction inmates are excluded from this table because it was unavailable at time of publication.

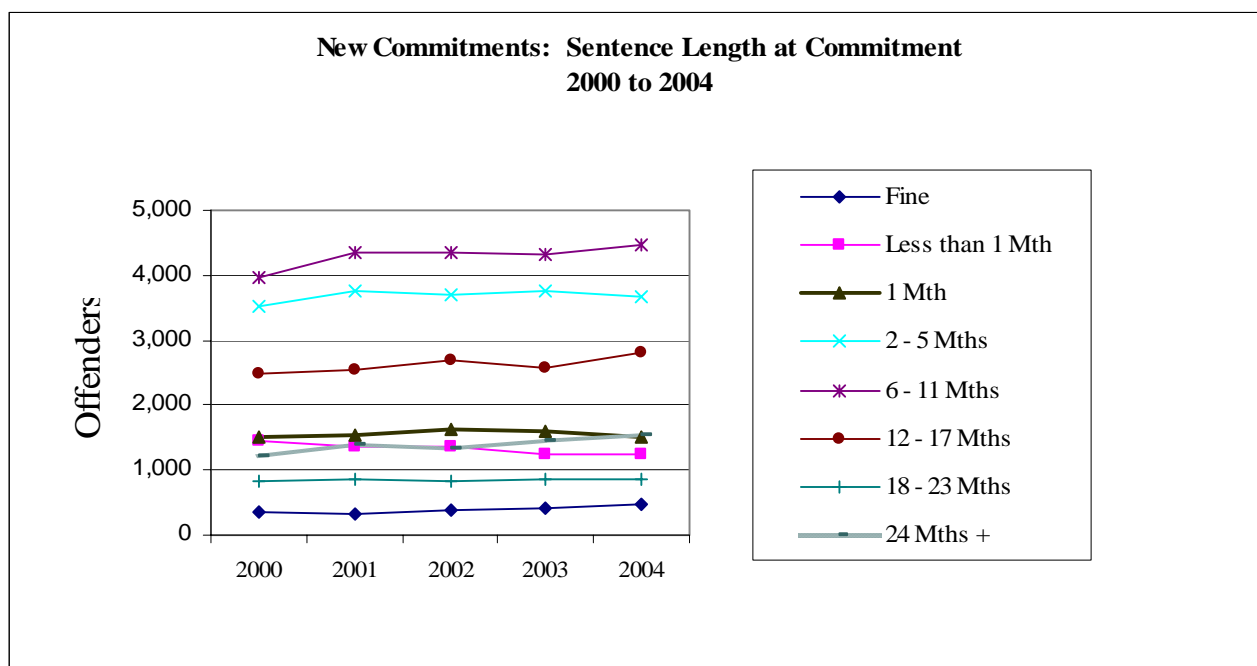
Figure 6

Table 18**New Commitments: Sentence Length by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Fine	22	2	439	3	461	3
< 1 Month	78	8	1,163	7	1,241	8
1 Month	113	12	1,382	9	1,495	9
2 Months	61	6	1,116	7	1,177	7
3 Months	107	11	1,454	9	1,561	9
4 Months	88	9	557	4	645	4
5 Months	26	3	254	2	280	2
6 Months	217	22	3,076	20	3,293	20
7 Months	4	0	86	1	90	1
8 Months	6	1	96	1	102	1
9 to 11 Months	58	6	930	6	988	6
12 Months	111	11	2,417	16	2,528	15
13 to 17 Months	8	1	269	2	277	2
18 Months	28	3	736	5	764	5
19 to 23 Months	1	0	101	1	102	1
24 Months	36	4	952	6	988	6
25+ Months	10	1	531	3	541	3
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	100

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Table 19**New Commitments: Court From Which Committed by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Barnstable D.C.	63	6	458	3	521	3
Berkshire D.C.	126	13	528	3	654	4
Bristol D.C.	189	19	1,596	10	1,785	11
Dukes D.C.	2	0	26	0	28	0
Essex D.C.	4	0	1,270	8	1,274	8
Franklin D.C.	24	2	179	1	203	1
Hampden D.C.	212	22	1,570	10	1,782	11
Hampshire D.C.	28	3	366	2	394	2
Middlesex D.C.	4	0	1,597	10	1,601	10
Nantucket D.C.	1	0	13	0	14	0
Norfolk D.C.	3	0	940	6	943	6
Plymouth D.C.	0	0	1,105	7	1,105	7
Suffolk D.C.	222	23	2,428	16	2,650	16
Worcester D.C.	11	1	2,285	15	2,296	14
Superior Courts	85	9	1,196	8	1,281	8
Out of State	0	0	2	0	2	0
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	100

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Table 20**New Commitments: Type of Sentence by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Simple	949	97	15,072	97	16,021	97
Fine	22	2	439	3	461	3
Weekend/Week Day	3	0	48	0	51	0
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	100

Specific data on 54 Essex County House of Correction inmates are excluded from this table because it was unavailable at time of publication.

Table 21

New Commitments: Committing Institution: 2000 to 2004

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		% Chng 03 vs 04
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Barnstable	538	4	574	3	625	4	631	4	603	4	-4
Berkshire	560	4	587	4	594	4	635	4	719	4	13
Bristol	2,047	13	1,905	12	1,770	11	1,787	11	1,828	11	2
Dukes	38	0	36	0	30	0	27	0	34	0	26
Essex	1,398	9	1,274	8	1,302	8	1,320	8	1,349	8	2
Franklin	240	1	258	2	278	2	283	2	249	2	-12
Hampden	1,999	13	2,341	14	2,288	14	2,089	13	2,203	13	5
Hampshire	309	2	375	2	337	2	371	2	403	2	9
Middlesex	1,959	13	1,895	12	1,995	12	1,902	12	1,773	11	-7
Norfolk	1,057	7	935	6	960	6	953	6	1,020	6	7
Plymouth	1,025	7	1,008	6	1,010	6	1,219	7	1,224	7	0
Suffolk	1,951	13	2,544	16	2,755	17	2,616	16	2,817	17	8
Worcester	2,213	14	2,357	15	2,347	14	2,361	15	2,365	14	0
Total	15,334	100	16,089	100	16,291	100	16,194	100	16,587	100	2

In this table, the number of New Commitments to Essex County House of Correction for 2004, include 54 inmates that were missing demographic and other detailed data.

Figure 7

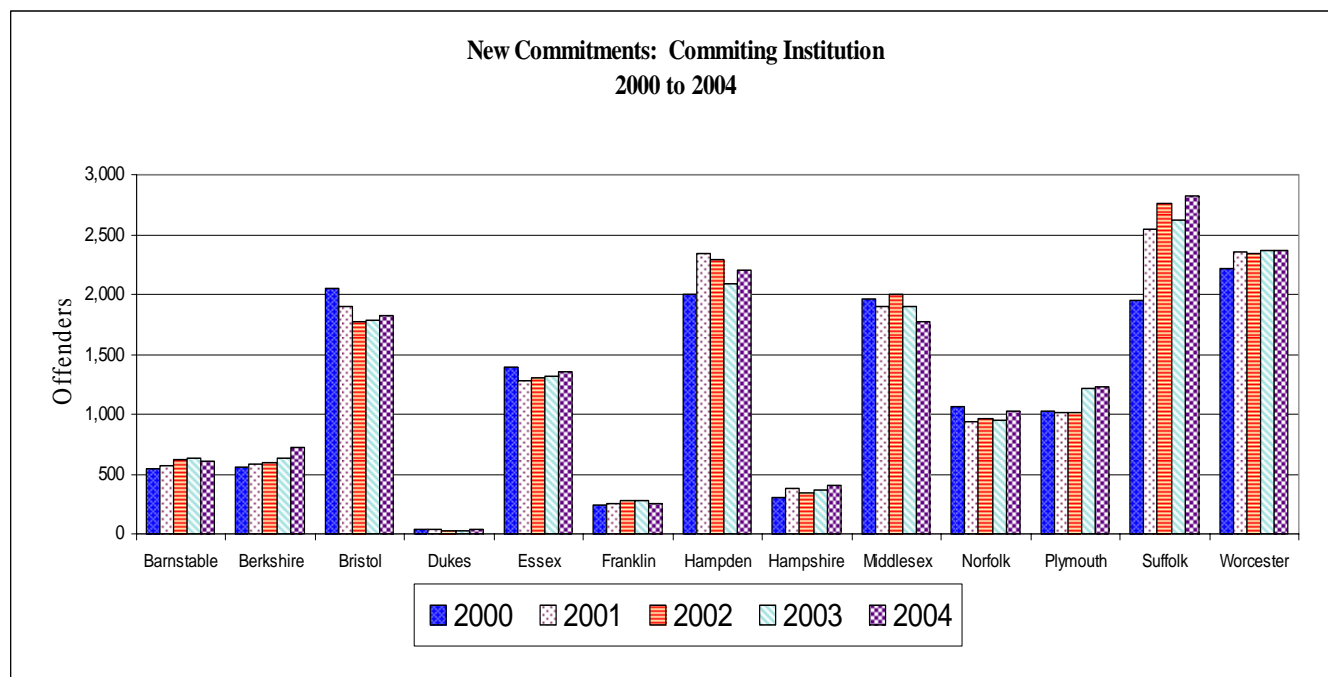


Table 22**New Commitments: Committing Institution by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Barnstable	78	8	525	3	603	4
Berkshire	133	14	586	4	719	4
Bristol	194	20	1,634	11	1,828	11
Dukes	1	0	33	0	34	0
Essex	5	1	1,290	8	1,295	8
Franklin	20	2	229	1	249	2
Hampden	296	30	1,907	12	2,203	13
Hampshire	0	0	403	3	403	2
Middlesex	1	0	1,772	11	1,773	11
Nantucket	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norfolk	2	0	1,018	7	1,020	6
Plymouth	0	0	1,224	8	1,224	7
Suffolk	237	24	2,580	17	2,817	17
Worcester	7	1	2,358	15	2,365	14
Total	974	100	15,559	100	16,533	100

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Table 23**County Correction Population: January 5, 2004 to December 28, 2004**

	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Barnstable	321	307	344	110	292%
Berkshire	334	325	305	116	288%
Bristol	1,222	1,179	1,230	610	200%
Dukes	25	24	27	19	132%
Essex	1,444	1,350	1,384	635	227%
Franklin	175	189	175	63	278%
Hampden	1,856	1,844	1,792	1,303	142%
Hampshire	272	266	256	248	110%
Middlesex	1,162	1,114	1,078	1,035	112%
Norfolk	550	546	532	305	180%
Plymouth	1,532	1,591	1,460	1,140	134%
Suffolk	2,408	2,396	2,311	1,599	151%
Worcester	1,297	1,324	1,295	790	164%
Total	12,598	12,455	12,189	7,973	158%

Calculating the %ADP Capacity (Average Daily Population) is achieved by dividing the number of prisoners actually incarcerated in an institution by the Design (rated) capacity of that institution, or the number of inmates planned for that facility;

%Average Daily Capacity = $\frac{\text{Average daily population}}{\text{Design (rated) capacity}}$

Glossary

ADP	Average Daily Population
Design Capacity	Population capacity each institution was designed to hold.
Current Offense	Inmates may be incarcerated for multiple offenses. The offense reported is that associated with the longest maximum discharge date. Offense labels can be found in the Appendix and are listed in alphabetical order by offense category.
DOC (or MA DOC)	Massachusetts Department of Correction.
Marital Status	The categories “Common Law”, “Cohabitant”, and “Life Partner” are combined into the category labeled “Partner/Live-in” for this report.
Mean	The sum of the values of all the observations in a data set divided by the number of observations (average).
Median	The point in an array of data which has an equal number of observations above and below it.
<u>Facilities</u>	
BAC	Braintree Alternative Center
DRNCAC	David R. Nelson Correctional Addiction Center
LCAC	Lawrence Correctional Alternative Center
WMCAC	Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center
<u>Sentence Type</u>	
Fine	Offender was given a fine, but because he or she was unwilling or unable to pay the fine, is serving time in prison.
Simple	One sentence received for a single offense.
Weekend/Week Day	A one to two day sentence that is to be served during a weekend or during a specified day of the week.

Appendix

Offenses

Offenses are listed in alphabetical order by category. If more than one offense is combined into the same label or an offense label was shortened to fit in the report table, the offense is listed in this Appendix. Full offense labels for abbreviated offenses are printed in **bold** letters. Arithmetic signs have been used to abbreviate where relevant and represent the following: > (greater than), < (less than), + (and over).

Drug Offense

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 94C Offenses.

Distribute/Sell Drug Paraphernalia

Distribute or possess drug paraphernalia with intent to sell; sell drug paraphernalia.

Drug Violation, School/Park

Drug violation near a school or park.

Fraudulent Prescriptions

Includes uttering false prescriptions and subsequent offenses; drugs obtained by fraud.

Induce Minors in Sale and Dist of Drugs

Induce Minors in Sales and Distribution of Drugs. Includes drug funds, induce minors to possess, induce minors to distribute.

Possession of Controlled Substance

Unlawful Possession of Particular Controlled Substances Including Heroin and Marijuana. The following are the controlled substance categories:

Class A

Heroin and morphine;

Class B

Cocaine; opium, amphetamines, barbiturates, and PCP;

Class C

Hallucinogens (LSD, hashish);

Class D

Marijuana;

Class E

Prescription drugs;

No Class Specified

Type of drug is not indicated by the sentence.

Possession of Hypodermic Instrument

Includes possession of hypodermic needle or any instrument adapted for the administration of narcotic drugs; hypodermic violation.

Other Offense

Miscellaneous offenses that are not clearly categorized into one of the other offense categories of Person, Property, Sex or Drug.

Bribery/Corruption

Includes corrupt gifts/offers to influence; bribery; corrupt gifts/offers to influence acts; solicitation of gifts; corruption; financial interest of state employees; giving or receiving gifts; fiduciary; threatening economic injury.

Cruelty to Animals

Includes rabies vaccination penalty; killing or injury to domestic animals; cruelty to animals; willfully injuring police dogs or horses.

Delivering/Receiving Articles for Inmates

Includes delivering drugs to prisoners; inmates bringing drugs/weapons into facilities.

Deriving Support from Prostitution

Includes keeping and maintaining house of prostitution or house of ill fame; deriving support from a prostitute (pimping); procuring a person to practice prostitution.

Domestic Abuse Prevention (209A Violation)	Includes orders to vacate marital home and orders of restraint; domestic abuse prevention.
Environmental Offenses	Includes discharge of pollutants into waters; illegal dumping; illegal taking of shellfish; violation of wetlands protection act.
Escape	Includes attempts, aiding an escape, accessory to escape. Escapes from work, education, program release activity, prison camp, jail.
False Alarm of Fire/Removal of Fire Devices	False Alarm of Fire/Removal of Fire Protective Devices. Includes tampering with fire protection device; false alarm of fire.
Gaming	Includes organizing gambling syndicates; place for registering bets.
Habitual Criminal	Sentence if no punishment is provided by statute; punishment of habitual criminal.
Leave the Scene of Vehicular Accident	Motor vehicle accident, personal injury, damage.
Miscellaneous Other Offense	Includes violation of a civil ordinance, inhaling toxic vapors; tax evasion, threatening tax collector, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, home improvement contractor violation/unlicensed; procuring miscarriage, dies in consequence of miscarriage; disinterring bodies.
Non-Support or Abandonment of Child	Infant abandonment and death from abandonment; abandonment and non-support; the illegal refusal to support a child.
Obstruction of Justice	Includes obstruction of justice; compounding or concealing felonies; false report of crime to police officer.
Other Decency/Public Peace Crimes	Includes promoting of anarchy, inciting a riot; common night walker, brawlers, disorderly acts, indecent exposure, lewd, wanton and lascivious behavior, idle and disorderly; threat to commit a crime; recognizance to keep the peace; affray, threats, disturbing of peace in presence of justice.
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	Does not include vehicular homicide, OUI, OUI with injury, or leaving the scene. Includes violation of Automobile Law, violation of Motor Vehicle Law; failure to yield right away to emergency vehicles; operating unregistered; operating after suspension; operating motor vehicle after suspension or revocation of license (this includes operating after revocation, habitual offender, illegally attaching plates, operating); after suspension using motor vehicle without authority, leaving scene after motor vehicle homicide; refusal to submit to police officer; leasing motor vehicle on mileage basis fraud violation; operating motor vehicle without liability policy, bond.
Other Weapons Offense	Includes shooting across highway near dwelling; firearm license violation - purchase for use of another; throwing or shooting of missiles; use of a firearm during commission of a felony; possession of infernal machine; carrying dangerous weapon first or subsequent; sale of silencers for firearms, knife, dagger, etc. with prior felony; tear gas use in commission of crime; possession of machine or shot guns;

	use of body armor in commission of crime; quantity of firearms; firearms sales, distribution or transfer; selling firearm without registering of serial number; possess firearm without ID; possession of firearm on school grounds; possession of large capacity weapon without firearm identification; possession of defaced firearm in a felony; defacing a firearm, discharge of firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling; possession of explosives or other dangerous substances; weapons violation with prior.
OUI, Alcohol or Drugs, With or Without Injury	Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs With or Without Injury. Includes operating under the influence; operating under the influence with injury resulting.
Perjury/Contempt of Court	Includes contempt; perjury; attempt to procure another to commit perjury; disruption of court proceedings; perjury, statements alleging motor vehicle thefts; penalties for violation of confidentiality and for perjury; failure to appear.
Prostitution	Includes soliciting for prostitute; prostitution; engaging in sex for a fee.
Sale/Possession of Alcohol to Minor < 21	Sale or Possession of Alcohol to Minor Under 21. Includes sale, delivery or furnishing alcoholic beverages to persons under 21, employment of persons under 18; persons under 21 purchase or attempt to purchase; open container.
Violation of Labor Laws	Includes illegal payment of wages; frivolous proceedings, costs; failure to provide payment/compensation.
Weapons Violation, Bartley-Fox Gun Law	Carrying a firearm without a license (mandatory 1 year sentence).
<u>Person Offense</u>	Crimes Against the Person (primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 offenses).
Accessory Before the Fact	Includes aiders, accessory before the fact; prosecution as accessory before the fact.
Armed Assault in Dwelling Houses	Includes armed assault in dwelling houses. The act may be an actual assault or an attempt.
Assault to Rob not Being Armed	Includes assault to rob not being armed, assault to rob, assault with intent to rob, assault with intent to rob by force and violence.
Assault with Intent to Commit Felony	Includes assault with intent to commit felony, injury to firefighter, assault with intent to intimidate, assault and battery for intimidation with bodily injury, causing injury during physical training.
Assault with Intent to Commit Murder	Includes assault with intent to murder, maim, etc.; assault to commit murder; assault with intent to kill.
Assault with Intent to Rob or Murder, Being Armed	Includes assault with intent to rob or murder being armed; assault with a deadly weapon with intent to rob.
Assault/Assault and Battery	Includes assault, assault and battery, assault and battery on an officer, E.M.T. or a public servant, assault and battery to collect loan.

Assault/A&B with a Dangerous Weapon	Assault/assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon. Includes assault and battery with a dangerous weapon; assault with a dangerous weapon.
Attempted Murder	Includes all attempts to commit murder, other than assaults: attempted murder, attempts to commit murder by poisoning, drowning, or strangling, poisoning with intent to kill/injure.
A&B Upon an Elderly or Disabled Person	Assault and Battery on an Elderly or Disabled Person. Includes assault and Battery upon elderly or disabled causing injury, serious injury, permanent bodily injury.
A&B with a Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60+	Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60 and Over. Includes assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, victim 60 or older.
Conspiracy	If crime is specified, (i.e., conspiracy to commit larceny), the offense is listed under the specified crime. If crime is not specified, the offense is listed under this category.
Extortion	Includes attempts to extort money, threats, threat to commit crime.
Kidnapping	Includes abduction, holding a correction officer hostage, kidnapping with intent to extort, kidnapping of minor by relative.
Manslaughter	Includes negligent homicide, voluntary or involuntary manslaughter.
Stalking	Includes stalking in violation of a restraining order (1st offense), stalking as a subsequent offense, harassing or making threats.
Stealing by Confining or Putting in Fear	Confining or Putting in Fear a Person for the Purpose of Stealing. Includes breaking, burning or blowing up a safe; intimidate to steal from a depository.
Unarmed Robbery	Includes robbery, robbery not being armed, robbery by force and violence.
Violation of Civil Rights	Includes civil rights violation, civil rights violation with bodily injury, violation of civil rights with injury.
<u>Property Offense</u>	Crimes Against Property (primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 266 offenses).
Arson and Attempted Arson	Includes burning or aiding to burn a dwelling, other buildings, personal property; attempting to burn building; injury or destruction of woods by fire; injury due to negligent use of fire; negligent use of fire in towns; burning insured property with intent to defraud; injury to fire engines; destruction or injury by explosives; throwing explosives at property or persons; use or possession of flammable liquid in breakable container.
Burglary, Armed or an Assault	Includes armed burglary, breaking and entering with intent to assault with or without dangerous weapon.
Destruction of Property	Includes injury or destruction of electrical utility property, boundary markings, historical monuments, schoolhouse or church, building, personal property; defacement or injury of county building; throwing oil of vitriol; destroying timber;

	breaking glass or injury to fences; defacement of property with paint; injury to religious, educational, etc., institutions; destruction of property by inmate at correctional institution; destruction of property by prisoners; damaging irrigation machinery; destruction or alteration of motor vehicle identification numbers; alteration of identifying numbers.
Embezzlement	Includes bank officers, fraud or embezzlement; embezzlement by brokers/agents; fiduciaries fraud; defraud company's assets.
Forgery and Uttering	Includes forgery or alteration of lottery tickets; stealing, forging or falsifying; making false certificate of title, learning permits, licenses, registration or inspection stickers; obtaining signature under false pretenses; unlawful use of credit cards; publishing code of non-existing credit cards; false/forged records, certificates, returns; railroad tickets, passes or badges, injures, defrauds, falsely makes, alters, forges or counterfeits; uttering false records; possession of 10 or more counterfeit bills; uttering false instrument; possession of false/forged counterfeit bills, tools/materials to make counterfeit notes.
Fraud	Includes false representation; securities violations; provider making false representations; fraud of telecommunication service; fraudulent use of telecommunication; obtaining goods by fraud; stock, fraudulent issue or transfer; corporation, books false entries with intent to defraud; presentation of false claims; obtaining goods under false pretenses; false invoice of cargo, intent to defraud insurer; insurance policy, penalty/fraud claims; interception of wire and oral communications.
Larceny From Elder or Disabled Person	Includes larceny from person 65 or older; larceny from person 60 or older, or disabled.
Larceny/Stealing	Includes stealing in building, vessel or railroad car, stealing in a truck, tractor/semi-trailer or freight container; larceny - general provision and penalties; larceny by check; unlawful taking of money by transporter; larceny of bicycle; concealing leased or rented property.
Receiving Stolen Goods	Includes receiving and buying stolen goods; common receiver of stolen goods (habitual).
Shoplifting	Includes shoplifting as a third offense.
Theft of Motor Vehicle or non-Motor Vehicle	Removal of motor vehicle with intent to defraud insurer; theft of motor vehicle or trailer; concealment of motor vehicle or trailer thief; unlawful taking or use of transportation media.
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering	Includes unarmed breaking and entering in night time; breaking and entering a building, vessel or vehicle in night time with intent to commit a misdemeanor or felony, entering by daytime or breaking and entering by night time a building, vehicle or vessel with intent to commit a felony; entering dwelling in night time or breaking and entering in a building, vehicle or vessel in daytime with intent to commit a felony; breaking and entering or entering railroad car with intent to commit a felony; breaking and entering trucks, tractors or trailers.

Sex Offense

	Sex Offenses Against the Person. Consist of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 (Crimes Against the Person) and Chapter 272 offenses (Crimes Against Chastity, Morality, Decency and Good Order).
Assault With Intent to Commit Rape	Includes attempts to rape.
Assault with Intent to Rape, Child < 16	Assault with Intent to Commit Rape, Child Under 16 Years.
Crimes Against Nature	The abominable and detestable crime against nature, either with mankind or beast.
Indecent Asslt & Battery on Child Under 14	Indecent Assault and Battery on Child Under 14. Includes indecent assault and battery on a minor.
Indecent A&B on Mentally Retarded Victim	Indecent Assault and Battery on Mentally Retarded Victim.
Indecent Asslt & Battery on Victim 14 or Older	Indecent Assault and Battery on Victim 14 or Older.
Other Sex Offenses	Includes adultery, fornication, open and gross lewdness and lascivious behavior, drugging persons for unlawful intercourse, dissemination of obscene matter.
Rape	Age of victim not specified, or does not fall under a rape of child category.
Rape and Abuse of a Child	Statutory rape, victim under 16 years old.
Rape of a Child with Force	Age of victim under 16 years old.
Sex Offenses Involving a Minor	Includes enticing person under 16 away for marriage, inducing person under 18 to have sexual intercourse, inducing a minor into prostitution, prostitutes deriving support from a child, distribution of obscene articles to minors, child pornography, dissemination of materials of child in state of nudity, dissemination of visual materials of child engaged in sexual conduct, knowingly purchasing or possession of visual material of child depicted in sexual conduct.
Sexual Assault - Out of State/Federal Inmates	Used for sexual assault cases for out-of-state or federally sentenced inmates whose offense does not fit in another sex offense category.
Unnatural Acts	Includes unnatural acts, lascivious acts, assault to commit unnatural sex acts.
Violation of Sex Offender Registry	Failure to register as a sex offender, misuse of sex offender registry information.